

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings for not showing every feature of the invention as claimed. In response, FIG 1 has been amended. Further, the specification has been amended for conformance with the changes to FIG 1. Replacement sheet including FIGs 1 and 3 is enclosed. Further, a marked-up version of the sheet showing changes to FIG 1 is enclosed for convenience. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the drawings objection and approval of the enclosed proposed drawing changes.

In the Office Action, claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement, since the recitations of first and second video signals, and first and second portions of the display are not in the specification. It is respectfully submitted that the specification fully complies with the enablement requirement, as one skilled in the art would know how to make and/or use the invention, including the recitations noted by the Examiner, such as

on page 6, lines 10-27. Further, by means of the present amendment, the specification has been amended to include the recitations noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection to claims 17 and 18 is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-12, 15-16 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for certain informalities. By means of the present amendment, claims 1-2, 8-9, 13, 15-16 and 19 have been amended to address the informalities noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection to claims 1-12, 15-16 and 19 is respectfully requested. The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserves all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 13-14 and 17-18 are allowed. It is believed that claims 17-18 would be allowed upon overcoming the rejection thereto under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 13-14 and 17-18 contain allowable subject matter. As discussed above, claims 17-18 have been amended to overcome the rejection thereto. Further, claim 14 has been canceled without

prejudice since it includes features similar to that of claim 13, and claim 13 has been amended. In addition, claim 23 has been added that includes features related to allowed claim 18. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 13, 17-18 and 23 are in allowable form.

In the Office Action, claims 19-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. 6,239,561 B1 (Allender). Further, claims 1-12, and 15-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent Publication JP 54-012579 (Asaya), in view of U.S. 6,069,449 (Murakami). Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-12, 15-16 and 19-20 are patentable over Allender, Asaya and Murakami for at least the following reasons.

Allender teaches on column 4, lines 9-13 (referring to FIG 4), reducing signal amplitude of a scanning velocity modulating (SVM) signal, where the DC component of the very same SVM signal is also increased. However, there is no teaching or suggestion that the DC component of this same SVM signal controls illumination of an illuminator. There is no teaching or suggestion that a higher DC component of the SVM signal increases the illumination provided by

an illuminator. Further, Allender does not teach or suggest increasing brightness of a portion of a display by increasing the illumination provided by an illuminator and decreasing the video signal amplitude outside the display portion, thus resulting in increased brightness of this display portion, as recited in independent claims 19-20. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claims 19-20 be allowed.

Asaya is directed to stabilizing light output by keeping constant the peak value of the sync signal of the light signal to control the gain of a driving circuit, thus stabilizing the light output. Asaya is not concerned about increasing the brightness of a display first portion and does not teach or suggest increasing such brightness of display first portion by increasing the amount of light illuminating the display and decreasing the amplitude of the video signal displayed on a second portion of the display, as recited in independent claims 1, 8-9 and 15-16.

Murakami is cited to show an LCD display where the brightness of the backlight is increased on the basis of the temperature of the backlight and the remaining power of the battery.

Assuming, arguendo, that the combination of Asaya and Murakami

is proper, such a combination still does not teach or suggest increasing the brightness of a first display portion by increasing illumination or the amount of light illuminating the display and decreasing the amplitude of the video signal displayed on a second display portion, as recited in independent claims 1, 8-9, 15-16 and 22.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 1, 8-9, 15-20 and 22 be allowed. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-7 and 10-12 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claim 1.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

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Enclosure: Replacement drawing sheet (1 sheet with FIGS 1 and 3)
Marked-up drawing sheet
(1 sheet showing changes to FIG 1)

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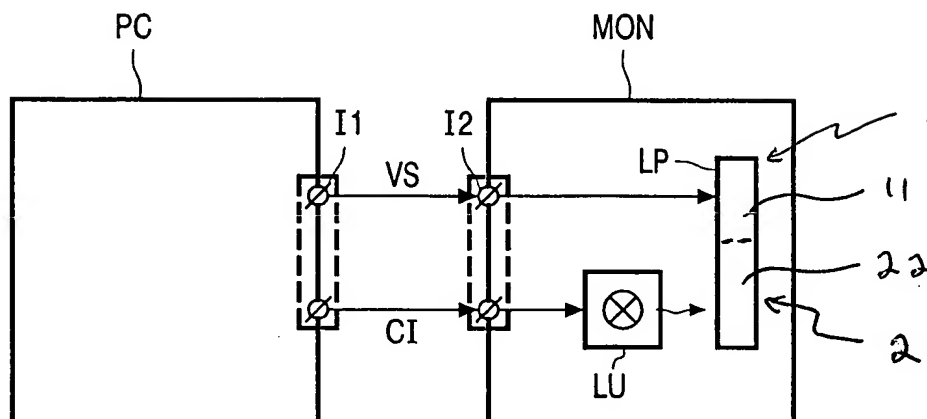


FIG. 1

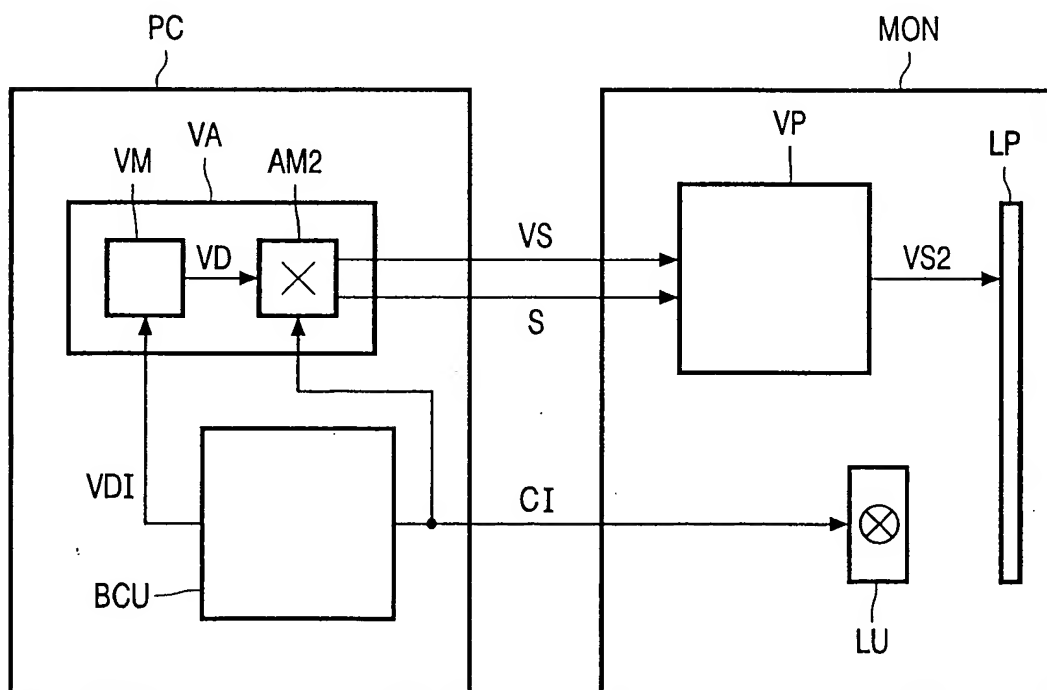


FIG. 3

(Proposed Drawing Changes)